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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The HORRORS of HELL

By EVANGELIST PAUL LEVIN
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"The wicked shall be turned into hell . . ."—Psa. 9:17.

When a soldier dives into a foxhole he's not a sissy. It shows good sense to fear some things. If you tremble at the thought of Hell you are not a mamma's boy, or a weakling. It is better to go to Heaven because you are afraid of going to Hell, than it is to be "big and brave" and go to Hell.

Hell Is a Fact

Every New Testament writer reminds us of God's wrath and coming judgment.

MATTHEW 23:33: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" And these strong words by our loving Lord were hurled at a religious crowd! That proves religion will not keep you out of Hell.

Also in 5:29: "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

MARK records the same warn-



Rev. Paul Levin

ing in 9:44-48. Here the Lord Jesus mentioned, "Where . . . the fire is not quenched," five times.

LUKE tells of the doomed man in Hades, suffering the torments of the damned, and crying for a drop of water to cool his parched tongue. (Chapter 16).

JOHN, the apostle of love, gives such alarming words of warning that every lost sinner ought to tremble with fear. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (3:36). John also writes in Rev. 14:10, 11: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone . . . And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever . . ."

In Rev. 20: 11-15 he tells of coming judgment, when hopeless sinners will stand before the One they rejected and how "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

PAUL wrote of the Lord Jesus coming "in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not God and that obey not the gospel of our

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"Unto You . . . a Saviour"

By MISSIONARY NORMAN LEWIS
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—Luke 2:11

*Let us take note of a few Bible verses which are universally publicized once a year, and almost as universally neglected the rest of the year. I refer to a part of the Christmas story as told by St. Luke 2:8-11:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The sum and center of the angel's message was "a Saviour, Christ the Lord." God was sending this poor lost world a Saviour. We must go past the sheep, past the shepherds, beyond the shining glory and get to the Saviour Himself. Therefore, it is good to consider this Saviour now, months away from Christmas. We shall not now be so distracted by Christmas trees and Santa Claus, commercial propaganda and the world's applause. To the commercial world Jesus means millions in profits. But to every sinner Jesus means: a Saviour.

The outstanding fact of human nature is its sinfulness. Any diagnosis that fails to recognize that will never heal humanity's mortal wounds. That is the reason that every day brings us nearer to another war. Common folks hate war, fear war, and see it as madness and destruction. Yet the sinfulness of human nature will drag us into another war. Men in high places want riches at any price, or power at any price, or both. Those two lusts have made the world a bath of blood for six thousand years and the end is not yet.

Men need a Saviour. It was Winston Churchill who announced a sovereign remedy for the free-

dom and happiness of mankind. What is it? "A united states of Europe . . . The process is simple. All that is needed is the resolve of hundreds of millions of men and women to do right instead of wrong." But that is precisely what man in his own strength is unable to do. Men need a Saviour.

The angel declared that God's good tidings of great joy "shall be to all people." Every human heart needs to be brought in touch with Jesus. Some Samaritan men got in touch with Him, and said, "Now we believe . . . for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42). The Apostle John said, "The

Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (I John 4:14). Man's root trouble is his unbelief in Jesus Christ.

I. The Saviour's People

By the Saviour's people I do not mean the Jews, although Jesus was a Jew according to the flesh. I mean the people with whom He especially concerned Himself. Jesus is the Saviour of sinners. Jesus did not come to

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Rev. Norman Lewis

Here Is What I Mean!

By the Editor

April is letter month, and here are samples of the kind of letters we want to get from readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD:

Mr. Jacob R. Friesen of Meade, Kansas, sent a box of candy to the editor and Mrs. Rice for Sword of the Lord workers and the following beautiful note:

"A little love gift to you Christian workers in The Sword of the Lord printing house. This seventeenth day of March, 1943, I got saved when reading your paper. Thank you and praise the Lord. I am very happy in the Lord's work, and I am glad for the word the Saviour sent or spoke through me to the many lost souls that found Christ as Saviour and Lord. Your brother in the Lord, to win the lost for Christ."

(Signed) Jacob R. Friesen
Meade, Kansas

Since Brother Friesen was saved reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD in 1943, he has gone up and down the land winning souls to Christ. His zeal is an inspiration to all of us who know him.

Another Beautiful Example
Rev. Michael Ewaka writes a

beautiful letter which speaks for itself. Addressing the editor, he says:

"God is my witness, I'd not be where I am today in this missionary work and as principal of the Ukrainian Bible Institute of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, if it were not for your papers which come every week and inspire me spiritually and in 'much labor' for our Lord.

"Without any false humility, if it were possible, humanly speaking, I'd be glad to give you five years of my life so that you might continue in this great work which is firing up many preachers and laymen.

"You are not forgotten in my prayers and also by our students."

(Signed) Michael Ewaka
Berwyn, Illinois

How many thousands of ministers have been strengthened and encouraged to attempt great things for God because of the messages in THE SWORD OF THE LORD through past years!

The above two beloved brethren did not write for publication but we are awarding each \$2.00 worth of books or subscriptions for their lovely letters, just as we will do with other letters received by us during April for the letter month, if they are published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

You Need Not Send Candy, But—

Now we are not suggesting that you send a box of candy, though that was a wonderfully kind thing (Continued on Page 8)

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"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations . . . but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24:47, 49.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak . . . and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."—Acts 2:4, 41.

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

Read them again! Those Scriptures quoted above, I mean. Read them again and you will see that at Pentecost what really happened was that the power of the Holy Spirit came on the disciples so that they could carry out the Great Commission and win souls, as Jesus had commanded them to do. That is the true meaning of Pentecost. It was a time when God's Holy Spirit came in power upon Christians who longed to be able to carry out the work God had commanded them to do. And the Holy Spirit came upon them and enabled them. Three thousand people came to Christ that day and were baptized, and Pentecost was the beginning of a world-shaking upheaval, spiritually, that covered the world in a hundred years.

I. The One Key That Explains Pentecost

A friend of mine has a little figure of a dog, made of colored pieces of plastic which fitted together a certain way, fold together as one piece and make the form of

a Scottish terrier for a watch charm. The whole secret is in one piece. If one piece be snapped out of place, the small plastic figure comes to pieces entirely, and all its parts are understood. Put back together, this one piece snapped into place holds it in its proper form. Likewise, the pieces of Pentecost all fit together and are held together by one key piece. There is one key to the understanding of the wonderful happenings at Pentecost. That key is the fact that the disciples simply waited on God until they were endued with power from on high to be soul-winning witnesses for Him. They had the commission; now they waited for the power to carry it out. And they received the power, had a multitude saved and began their evangelization of the world. No one can understand the meaning of Pentecost who does not use this key fact, so clearly stated in the Scriptures.

But do Bible teachers and

Christian leaders simply take this Bible account at face value and regard Pentecost as the pouring out of God's power upon those who would do His will in soul winning? Indeed most of them do not! There is probably no part of the Bible on which honorable and good, believing men have differed more widely.

We are reminded of a businessman who advertised for an office boy. A number of applicants appeared, and he sat down with the boys and told them a story something like this:

"Boys, I am going to tell you a story. When I am through, you can ask me any questions that you like. Then I will try to pick out one of you for my office boy. Once a farmer had been greatly troubled by the loss of his chickens. Each night some wild creature got in the open door of his hen house and killing a chicken, carried it away. The farmer resolved to catch the intruder. So

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Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 1:8).

JAMES speaks of the "fire of hell" (3:6).

PETER writes of fearful judgments of God that fell upon the angels that sinned, upon the wicked generation of Noah's day, and of the flames of fire that burned Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes. And then adds, "God knoweth how to . . . reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (II Peter 2:1-9).

JUDE says the people of Sodom and Gomorrah are suffering the vengeance of eternal fire, and that others are doomed to the "blackness of darkness forever" (vs. 7 and 13).

Friend, what are you going to do with all these warnings of impending doom? These are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, of God Almighty. Laugh at these Scriptures if you will, but remember you are ridiculing God's word, not man's. Is there a Hell? False cults say no. The modernists say no. Christ haters say no. God says YES! You better believe God! You cannot trifle with Him. The dark clouds of God's wrath are gathering over your guilty head. There is only one way of escape—the Lord Jesus Christ. God help you to receive Him before it is eternally too late.

A Fearful Fact

"Lake of fire," "Blackness of darkness forever," "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever," "Where the fire is not quenched"—it must be an awful place of torment. It is sure to be fearful because it will be

1. **Filthy.** There will be nothing clean nor holy there. Your Christian loved ones will not be there. Those washed in the blood will not be there. But the unclean, unholy, wicked, foul-mouthed, blaspheming Christ-rejectors will be there. What an awful place—where all is sin, rebellion, blasphemy and hate! "The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and

idolaters and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8). Hell will be fearful because

2. **Fellowship will be unknown.** Somebody says, "I have loved ones who have departed and will spend eternity in Hell, so I'd just as well go there too, for I couldn't be happy in Heaven, knowing my loved ones are lost in Hell." How do you know you couldn't be happy in Heaven? Have you ever been there? No? Then don't be too sure about it. If God can be satisfied, knowing others are in Hell, don't you think He can satisfy you, too?

Furthermore, the Bible says when we get to Heaven, "The former things are passed away." God can blot from your mind the memory of those who are lost, if He chooses.

Besides, your loved ones would not want you in Hell with them. Remember the rich man in Hades who begged Abraham to send Lazarus to his five brothers, "lest they also come into this place of torment."

But suppose you do go to Hell where they are, do you think you are going to have a happy family reunion there? NO! A thousand times no! With all of you suffering the torments of the damned, there will be no enjoyment of any kind. Imagine a hospital ward, with about a dozen suffering patients groaning and screaming in agony and pain—are they enjoying one another's company? No. There is too much suffering to be able to have happy fellowship.

Make up your mind that you are going to take God's gift of salvation and go to Heaven even if all the rest of the family choose to go to Hell. After you are saved God will be able to use you in winning others in the household who are still lost. Hell must be fearful, for

3. **Former things are remembered.** Abraham said to the rich man in Hades, "Son, remember." What terrible torment; to call to mind your wasted, sinful life, your harmful influence that caused others to turn their backs on God. You will remember the sermons you laughed at, the Christians you ridiculed. The memory of spurned opportunities to be saved will haunt you forever. You'll remember the tears, prayers, songs, pleadings and efforts of those who loved your poor lost soul and sought to win you to the Lord Jesus. You are breaking the hearts of loved ones by your wild, godless, wayward life; you tear up gospel tracts; you shamefully refuse to let Christ become your Lord and Saviour—and in Hell you will remember. You will think of how you trampled the love and mercy of gracious God under your unholy feet and blasphemed His holy name with your sinful lips. You may expect Hell to be fearful, for there you will be

4. **Forsaken by God.** You will get one thing you want in Hell—you'll be rid of God forever, "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thess. 1:9).

Many sneer at the slightest mention of the name of Jesus. They hate the sight of a church. They hurl their sharp barbs of bitter sarcasm at Christians and have nothing but contempt for the Bible. Away with God! Away with the Bible! Away with Christ! Well, in Hell there will be no Christians, no God, no Christ, no Bible, no meetings, no gospel songs, no Christian literature, no personal workers, no one to weep over you, no one to love you—no hope, no mercy, no escape. "Only tears and night and endless woe." Hell will be fearful because you may be

5. **Followed there by others.** When you reject God's offer of pardon and mercy you cause others to do so. You unsaved parents are keeping your children from Christ. Wives keep husbands from Christ and husbands influence wives the same way. "If my daddy doesn't accept Christ, neither will I."

By your example you cause

others to reject the Son of God. I pray God will convict you of this awful crime against those you love, and save you before it is too late. How wicked to help damn other souls in Hell by your example. On the other hand, if you do what you know you ought to do, and let God save you, God can use your influence in bringing others to Himself. Hell is certain to be fearful for there you will meet the

6. **Full fury of accumulated wrath.** "Depisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:4-6).

When unsaved men die they do not "go to their reward." They go into torment, but their "reward" will not be determined until the record is opened at the judgment. Tom Paine has been dead many years, but his influence is still at work, therefore the "wrath" is still piling up. And not until Tom Paine's writings and influence have run their course, and all who have been turned from God because of him—not until that great number of lost people stand before the Son of God at the great white throne of judgment, will he know what his life accomplished. And when all the returns are in, he will meet the treasured up wrath of God.

In like manner you are treasuring up, hoarding together, piling up, more and more wrath which will burst on you when you stand before God. After you die, your influence will continue to do harm. You are going to answer to God when you meet Him in judgment. In that hour you will realize how many lives you harmed by your wicked refusal to let the Lord Jesus come into your life. What a day, when you face the accumulated result of your folly!

And this grim truth is not addressed to murderers, drunkards, or blasphemers, but to GOOD MORAL PEOPLE!—people who are "so good" they don't need to be saved! Listen, friend of mine, you must be born again. Your good works will not save you from Hell. If you were wallowing in the miry cesspools of sin, people would shun you and take care not to follow your example. But as it is they look at you and say, "If so and so can be that good and not accept Christ, so can I; if they don't need to be born again, neither do I." Therefore you can keep more people out of Heaven and help damn more souls in Hell by your example as a good person, than if you were a hopeless derelict. You are going to meet the fury of accumulated wrath! Hell must be fearful, for there the

7. **Future holds no ray of hope.** "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matt. 25:46). The Greek word translated everlasting when it speaks of punishment is the same word translated eternal with reference to Heaven. If you go to Hell you will be there forever. No hope. No appeal to a higher court. No escape. No death. Punishment will be "forever and ever" (Rev. 14:11). God help you to take His way of escape, which is His Son.

"We shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9).—not through the church, or religion, or your good life, but through the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for sinners and rose again. In the exalted Lord there is salvation for you, and escape from coming judgment. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Surely you want to settle this important matter right now. "As many as received him [The Lord Jesus Christ], to them gave he the right to become the children of God" (John 1:12). Your part is to receive Him as your Lord and Saviour. Tell Him you do so now.

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loading his shotgun and lighting his lantern, he waited in the night for the first squawk of a chicken in fear. When the noise began, with lantern and gun he rushed to the chicken house. But he had trouble. First, the lantern went out, in the wind. Held inside his coat, he lighted it after many trials with matches. His dog was barking furiously. Rushing toward the commotion at the chicken house, the farmer stumbled over the pig and sprawled headlong on the ground! Retrieving his lantern, he put his head in the door of the chicken house and held the lantern aloft. A frightened rooster squawked and leaped first to the farmer's bare head and then out into the night. But in the light of the lantern the farmer saw the nocturnal prowler. A large wood owl held one of his leghorn hens with claw and beak. Setting down the lantern, the farmer blazed away with his shotgun. He accidentally pulled both triggers and both barrels of the gun went off at once. The recoil of the gun knocked him over backwards. The heavy load of shot killed three hens and blew a hole in the side of the chicken house. The farmer's dog barked furiously and neighbors from all sides began to arrive to see what had happened. That is the end of the story. Now, boys, are there any questions you want to ask?

One boy asked, "Were the chickens white leghorn chickens?"

Another boy asked, "What was the name of the farmer's dog which was barking?"

Other boys asked about the neighbors, about what time of night it was, about the farmer's name. And as they asked questions, one little fellow got more and more concerned. Finally he piped up with this question, "Say, Mister: Did he hit the owl? That is what he started out to do; Mister, did he really get the owl?"

Strangely and sadly people read the marvelous second chapter of Acts and have their mind all absorbed with speaking in tongues, with the origin of the church, with a new supposed dispensation, with some theory of sanctification, or some other matter of relatively minor importance and never notice whether the disciples got that for which they were waiting on God—the power of the Holy Spirit to help them carry out the Great Commission! And it is said that the businessman hired the office boy who could keep his mind on the main business at hand and look for the principal result. How sad it is that God's people are divided on a lot of secondary matters and so have missed the great principal point that God has for us in the events at Pentecost!

One of the greatest tragedies that has happened in the whole realm of Christian doctrine is the misunderstanding of the meaning of Pentecost widespread among Christians today. Nearly all Bible scholars will agree that the second chapter of Acts is the most important chapter in the book of Acts. Pentecost itself was the most important event in the last nineteen hundred years and more since the ascension of Jesus Christ. Pentecost was the fulfillment of the great prophecy of Joel, that "in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . And whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:17, 21; Joel 2:28, 32). Peter, by divine inspiration, said frankly, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," and quoted this prophecy. So Pentecost was the beginning of "the last days" in which the gospel should be preached in power over all the world, so that all who would believe in Christ should be saved.

Jesus Himself, after plainly giving the disciples the command of the Great Commission to preach the gospel in all nations and to the end of the world, commanded the disciples to wait and not begin the work of the Great Commission until the power of Pentecost should come upon them. And it is obvious from the record

that there were no sermons preached, no souls saved, no definite beginning made in taking the gospel to all the world after the resurrection of Christ, until Pentecost. In Acts 11:15 Peter, telling of the conversion of Cornelius and his house, about 8 years after Pentecost, plainly called Pentecost "in the beginning," that is, the beginning of the great era of carrying the gospel to the whole world.

Pentecost was the first time Christianity got a strong foothold on this earth. Multitudes had heard John the Baptist preach, and we may well believe that multitudes were genuinely converted to Christ, trusted Him for salvation, repenting of their sins. But John the Baptist's ministry had waned, he himself had been imprisoned and then beheaded. The Lord Jesus preached to great multitudes, but soon the multitudes turned away and followed him no more. "Will ye also go away?" Jesus asked His disciples. Then came the events preliminary to the crucifixion when Judas betrayed Him, Peter denied Him, and all the disciples forsook Him and fled. There were only one hundred and twenty present at the pre-pentecostal prayer meeting, at the close of the ten days. Acts 1:13 and 14 indicate that there were only twenty or twenty-five at the beginning of that prayer meeting. But at Pentecost "they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). From day to day other hundreds and other thousands were saved and joined to the assemblies of Christians. So that soon the Roman Empire was lighted at a thousand points by the gospel witness, and hundreds of thousands were born into the kingdom of God. Pentecost was the very beginning of the triumph of the gospel of Christ, and the most important single event in all the history of the church after the ascension of Jesus Christ.

Yet it now turns out that there has been such difference of opinion about the meaning of Pentecost that many preachers never speak of it, the second chapter of Acts is not often discussed in most groups of Christians, and the doctrine of the blessed Holy Spirit Himself, and His power, and what He did for Christians at Pentecost, is counted a controversial doctrine and so is a subject taboo in most congregations! How sad the misapprehensions and misunderstandings of the wonderful blessing that came at Pentecost!

It would be one of the finest blessings that could happen for every Christian if he would set out to meditate day and night for a season on this second chapter of Acts and let the marvelous teaching there grip his soul. I discovered this wonderful chapter when I was fifteen years old in my home in a little spiritually neglected cowtown in west Texas. I read that wonderful chapter over and over and my heart was exalted. For days I saw visions like the young man whom Joel

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wrote about. I feel that a part of the moving of the Holy Spirit upon my heart in those days remains in my ministry yet. I thought then, and I solemnly think now, that the most blessed thing that could ever happen in this world is the kind of revival God gave at Pentecost when God's power came upon God's people so that they could speak as the Spirit gave utterance to win three thousand souls in one day! And to this day I do not see how anybody can be so much concerned about the incidental matters at Pentecost; the speaking the gospel in various languages to people who heard and understood them speaking in their own tongues wherein they were born, the sound of a cyclonic wind, or the abstract discussion of a new dispensation or the origin of the church, when three thousand souls were saved. How anybody can think that these secondary and abstract and incidental matters are to be compared in importance with the salvation of three thousand souls kept out of Hell forever is more than I can see! I am convinced that if we get the viewpoint of Jesus Christ concerning the worth of a soul, that we can then more accurately gauge the meaning of Pentecost in the light of the Scriptures. I am certain in my own heart that the salvation of any single soul at Pentecost was more important than anything else that happened there besides the saving of souls.

With the importance of Pentecost in mind, I have felt a need to explain away some of the misunderstandings of the meaning of Pentecost, so that believers in Christ may come to see what Jesus had in mind in having the disciples wait for the blessed outpouring of His Spirit which came there and that we, too, like they, could be equipped for the marvelous soul-winning service which He has in mind for us as He had for them.

I believe that the misunderstanding of the Bible emphasis of Pentecost has resulted from the following:

An overemphasis on speaking with tongues and opposition to this teaching.

Second, an overemphasis and mistaken teaching about a new dispensation which is supposed to have begun at Pentecost.

Third, by the teaching that Pentecost is the birthday of the church, obscuring the Bible emphasis on soul-winning power.

Fourth, by the teaching that at Pentecost the disciples were sanctified, with the eradication of the carnal, sinful nature.

II. Speaking in Tongues at Pentecost Was Incidental, Secondary, Not Important to the Principal Meaning of Pentecost

Three startling miracles occurred at Pentecost in connection with the wonderful fullness of the Holy Spirit which came upon God's waiting people. They were these: first, "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting"; second, "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them"; third, those who were filled with the Holy Spirit "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." These were all miracles, all wonderful outward manifestations. However, all were secondary and incidental to the one great promised blessing, the power of the Holy Spirit to make the disciples able to win souls and carry out the Great Commission which Jesus gave them.

It is a part of our frail and tainted human nature that we seize on the incidentals instead of the essentials, we are more concerned about outward form than inward power. It is natural for human beings to stress baptism, or the mass, or confirmation, or confession to a priest, instead of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. So in the study of Pentecost a thousand eager hearts have seized zealously on the incidental and secondary manifestations and have thus obscured and missed

the blessed meaning of Pentecost. It is difficult to reproduce the sound of a cyclone, so zealous converts do not claim that that is the meaning of Pentecost. Visible tongues like as of fire sitting on people's heads or shoulders, cannot be easily imitated, so people give little importance to the tongues of flame which came when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But speaking in tongues has been taken up by many groups of people as if it were the principal thing that happened at Pentecost. Many others whose hearts are really hungry for the fullness of the Holy Spirit and who properly make much of the need for the fullness of the Spirit of God, the need to be filled with the Spirit of God, yet make speaking with tongues an absolute essential to this pentecostal blessing. And by calling speaking with tongues "the initial evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost," such people focus attention upon the speaking in tongues, not the soul-winning power. So to countless millions of people it has come to pass that "Pentecostalism" means speaking with tongues.

Let me say here very earnestly that the groups of people called Pentecostals have put most denominations to shame in their honest attempt to follow the Bible completely, to follow the pattern of New Testament Christian life, to have for themselves what the apostles and other Christians received at Pentecost. In that they have done well, and many others of us have done very badly. I think it certainly must please the dear Lord Jesus better for one to seek with the whole heart to be filled with the Holy Spirit, even with some misunderstanding of the details of the Bible teaching about the fullness of the Holy Spirit, than to be unconcerned about the matter. Let me say in brotherly kindness that I do not agree with my brethren within the Pentecostal movement that speaking in tongues is the initial Bible evidence of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. But I do agree with them that every Christian needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that this wonderful life-transforming endowment with power from on high is the privilege of every Christian. And it is my conviction, as deep as my soul, that it is a fearful sin for Christians to be indifferent on this matter of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. And I believe that those who are wrong on the tongues question are not nearly so far wrong as those who are wrong on the need for and a concern for the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, let no one think that these words are an attack upon a dearly beloved people who may differ with me on the question of speaking with tongues. A hot heart which is wrong on the question of tongues is not nearly so bad as a cold heart which is right on speaking with tongues, but wrong on the power of the Holy Spirit. And if I appear to criticize my Pentecostal friends on this matter of speaking in tongues, let me say earnestly that if they were altogether wrong on this matter, they would not have so much to apologize for as denominations with many leaders who do not believe the Bible is true, who do not believe in the blood of Christ, who do not believe in the miracles, who do not believe in trying to reproduce New Testament Christianity by the power of the Holy Spirit in lives today. To be wrong on speaking with tongues is not nearly so bad as to be wrong on many other things. I think our great danger is not "wild fire" but no fire!

However, I must say that I believe the emphasis which many good people have put on speaking

with tongues in the second chapter of Acts has beclouded the true issue, has kept people from understanding Pentecost, and has done much harm to the cause of Christ. With that in mind, let us consider briefly some facts about the speaking in tongues which is mentioned in the second chapter of Acts as having taken place at Pentecost and you will see that it is an incidental and secondary matter, not the main matter at all.

1. Speaking in Tongues Was Simply a Means to the Great End at Pentecost

Many Christians have gotten the idea that in Bible times the gift of tongues allowed a Christian to speak in some unknown language, not known among men, and that he spoke for his own delight, without any practical usage. Even the eminent G. Campbell Morgan, though against the tongues movement, was misled as to the meaning of tongues, thinks that they were always a matter "of delight and of ecstasy." He says, "these voices, these tongues, were the utterances of ecstatic gladness, in adoration and in praise." He says further, "Tongues were given, and they were to be used in addressing God." We will go into this matter fully at another place, but here it is sufficient to say that the Greek word glossa, here translated tongues, is used fifty times in the New Testament. It is used repeatedly for human tongues, like the tongue of the rich man in Hell, like the tongue of the man who could not speak until Jesus touched his tongue. It is used repeatedly for foreign languages. It is never used in the entire New Testament for some ecstatic language to be addressed to God alone. That is a foolish thought that is not taken from the second chapter of Acts at all, but based on a misunderstanding of I Cor. 14, as we will later show.

Why were the Christians at Pentecost given the power to speak in tongues? That is very simply explained in the text itself. "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5). These Jews who came from many other countries spoke various languages. So God gave to these Christians at Pentecost the power to speak in the language of "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians" (Acts 2:9-11). And these people, when they heard the gospel, said, "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." They said also, "And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" (Acts 2:8). The Christians at Pentecost who spoke to the Parthians, spoke to them in their own language in which they were born. Those who spoke to the Medes, spoke to them in their own language in which they were born. And so it was with the Romans who spoke Latin, the Arabs who spoke the Arabian language, etc. There is no hint here of some

kind of ecstatic language which was given for the pleasure of those who spoke, nor of a worship of God not understood by men. Not at all!

If a Chinese man were before me with a hungry heart and God should tell me to preach the gospel to him, what would I do? Supposing that there was no one who could translate into Chinese and the Chinese man could not understand any English, if God would give me the power to preach the gospel to him in his own language in which he was born, and if he were to hear it and understand it and be turned to God, that would be exactly what happened at Pentecost.

The important thing was not whether they spoke in the language of the Parthians or the Medes or the Cretes or the Arabians or others; the important thing was that they spoke in the power of God to lost sinners and told them of the wonderful works of God in the death and resurrection of His Son, to save sinners. Every honest reader surely can see that the speaking in tongues was simply a means to an end. The speaking in tongues was not the main thing.

2. The Saviour Said Nothing About Speaking in Tongues When He Commanded the Disciples to Wait Until They Were Endued With Power From on High

The wonderful fullness of the Holy Spirit, or baptism with the Spirit, or pouring out of the Spirit, or gift of the Spirit which came at Pentecost (all these Bible terms are used about that same blessing) was foretold long ahead of time. It is significant that in every one of the four gospels the words of John the Baptist are quoted, saying, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me . . . shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost . . ." (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:26, 33). It is evident that John made this statement or similar ones many times. And the Holy Ghost had the writers of the gospel put it down these four times as a matter of great importance.

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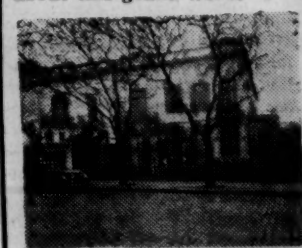
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Misunderstood Pentecost

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tongues, with the sound of a rushing mighty wind and like the visible tongues like as of fire, were all incidental and secondary miracles that were not essential to the real blessing which they sought.

In Luke 24:49 Jesus said: "And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." But Jesus said nothing about them expecting to speak with tongues. He did not tell them that speaking in tongues was the evidence of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. He ignored the matter as He did other incidental things that would happen at Pentecost.

Acts 1:4, 5 tell us again of the command and promise of Jesus concerning the Holy Spirit. Jesus said:

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

The fullness of the Spirit was a matter long promised, "the promise of the Father" often referred to. Now, Jesus tells them, in a few days these disciples "shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." Yet not a word is said about speaking with tongues, nor the other incidental miracles that were to occur at Pentecost. They were not important. The disciples were not to wait for them. The disciples were to lay no stress on them. They were to tarry until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

But how would the disciples know when they were baptized with the Holy Ghost? What would be the evidence? Naturally they inquired further as to the meaning. And Jesus explained Himself further in Acts 1:8. This is the evidence they were promised: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Don't you see, then, that speaking in tongues at Pentecost was an incidental and minor matter, a simple means to an end? The important thing is that they were to have the power of God upon them and be God's witnesses in winning souls. What a mistake it is for us to put the cart before the horse, and to major on minors, and let the tail wag the dog, in our interpretation of what happened at Pentecost!

3. We Are Clearly Told Elsewhere That Speaking in Tongues Is Incidental and Secondary, a Lesser Gift

We do not have room here to answer all the questions that arise concerning speaking with tongues. I cannot in the short space of this chapter say all that needs to be said about speaking with tongues. That will come later. But certain principles are plainly stated which will help us to know that speaking in tongues was incidental and had no large part in the meaning of Pentecost.

First, God put speaking in tongues as the very last of the gifts mentioned in I Corinthians 12:28: "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Every word of God is pure. All the Bible is exactly right. God put diversities of tongues as the very last and least important of the gifts, as the gift of an apostle was most important.

Second, the Bible clearly infers that all do not speak with tongues and should not: First Corinthians 12:30 says, "Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" The obviously intended answer is no. Speaking in tongues was not intended for every Christian.

Third, Paul himself, by divine inspiration, plainly said that

speaking in tongues is infinitely less important than giving a clear testimony for Jesus. In I Corinthians 14:19 Paul says: "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

There is more teaching on this important subject which will come later, but surely this is enough to show honest Christians everywhere that it is better to speak five words with the understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. And one who puts much stress on the speaking with tongues certainly misses the wonderful meaning that God has for us in Pentecost. And that meaning is that God's people simply tarried there with prayer and supplication until they were filled with the Holy Spirit and had power to witness for Him in Jerusalem, in all Judaea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And we, too, can have the same power as these Christians had at the "specimen day," as D. L. Moody called it, of revival at Pentecost.

4. Bible Teachers Retreating Before the Tongues Movement Have Explained Away Pentecost and Missed Its Blessed Meaning

There can be no doubt that the fanaticism of the tongues movement and the arbitrary insistence of many misguided people that every Christian should talk in tongues and that speaking in tongues is the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, has done great harm and has led people to misinterpret the meaning of Pentecost. But we must also say that much of the Bible teaching on the question of Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit of recent years has been colored unduly by a retreat before the tongues people. Many Bible teachers were not willing to face the implications of Pentecost. Many did not have, themselves, the power of Pentecost, such as that which fell upon great evangelists, Charles G. Finney, D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, and others. Yet Pentecostal people and the tongues people pressed the matter all the time. A revulsion of feeling took place among leaders of Christian thought and it became popular to explain away Pentecost. Pentecost was the technical beginning of a new dispensation, people said. Pentecost, therefore, could never be repeated. It was simply the origin of the Christian church. All of us were already baptized in the Holy Spirit, at least potentially, and therefore we did not need to have more. It was stressed by a thousand writers and preachers that "the Holy Spirit never speaks of Himself," which is a violent misunderstanding of John 16:13 where Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would speak only what He was given to speak from the Father. Christians were taught that it was foolish to wait before God and pray for the fullness of the Spirit. Since Pentecost, said these worldly-wise Bible teachers, that was never in order. The teachings of Darby were substituted for the great doctrinal position of D. L. Moody and R. A. Torrey. The Bible teachers who never had revivals, never knew the power of Pentecost for themselves, rarely won souls, became the spokesmen in doctrine where once the soul winners had been heard; Spurgeon, Wesley, Whitefield, Finney, Moody, Torrey. The tide of revival ebbed away as men ceased to plead for and ceased to expect the power of the Holy Spirit. To get away from the Pentecostal teaching people retreated from any teaching on Holy Spirit power.

Oh, the dearth, the famine, the spiritual wilderness, the powerlessness as result of this retreat from the clear Bible teaching of the power of the Holy Spirit!

Beloved reader, someone has laid more stress on speaking in tongues than is proper or right; surely it is even worse for us to ignore the clear teaching of the Word of God about the power of the Holy Spirit! Surely, if the tongues people have been wrong

about Pentecost, that does not excuse us for disobeying and neglecting the clear commands of the Scripture, to be filled with the Spirit.

By God's grace, I will not give up a thing that is promised to New Testament Christians! If some teach baptism essential to salvation, I will not go with them, but I will still teach people to be baptized as Jesus and Paul did. If some make the Lord's Supper into a mass, and put forgiveness into the hands of a priest, I will not go with them, but I will still teach Christians that Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." I cannot throw away part of the Bible because somebody has misinterpreted it! So I cannot, I must not, turn my back upon the marvelous teaching of Pentecost, that Christians must be filled with the Holy Spirit if they are to do the work of God acceptably, even though some have gone to fanatical extremes concerning the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

III. Pentecost Was NOT the beginning of a New Dispensation

Many preachers and teachers, including this author, have sometimes spoken of "this dispensation of the Holy Spirit." That is a misleading statement. Actually, no new dispensation began at Pentecost. And the reason this is a dangerous mistake is that it leads people away from understanding the meaning of Pentecost. People who think of Pentecost as simply the technical beginning of a new dispensation miss the lesson God gives us there. A dispensational matter, long past, has no special message for us, they think. Hence they do not learn to wait on God for soul-winning and revival power as did the apostles and others before Pentecost. Being absorbed in a false meaning for Pentecost, they miss the true meaning.

It is true that Pentecost is the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." —Acts 2:17-21.

Peter said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," and quoted the above passage. It is true in a sense that the great time of the spread of the gospel over the whole world began at Pentecost. But it is not true that at Pentecost a new dispensation began.

1. Pentecost Is Not the First Time That Christians Were Filled With the Holy Ghost.

At Pentecost "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost," says Acts 2:4. And through the book of Acts we have repeated statements that Christians were filled with the Holy Spirit. (See Acts 4:8, Acts 4:31, Acts 6:5, Acts 7:55, Acts 9:17, Acts 11:24). With this in mind, the revered Dr. A. T. Pierson expressed the feeling of many when he commented on the first verse in the book of Acts. There Luke says, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." And Dr. Pierson said that in the gospels Jesus began the work, in the book of Acts the Holy Spirit continued it. But he missed the point of that passage. The clear teaching of the context and of other Scripture passages is that Jesus did all His work through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that when He was taken away, the disciples could do exactly the same kind of work through the same power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in John 14:12, "He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than

these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." If you have thought that people were not filled with the Holy Spirit before Pentecost, then you should remember Luke 1:15 where we are told that John the Baptist should "be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." And the purpose was exactly the same as the purpose of Pentecost, for the following verse says, "And many of the children of Israel shall be turned to the Lord their God." The ministry of John the Baptist had exactly the same power as Peter's ministry and the ministry of others at Pentecost.

In Luke 1:41 we are told that "Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost," and in Luke 1:67 we are told that "Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost." In Luke 3:22 we are told that "the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove" upon Jesus at His baptism. Luke 4:1 says, "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan." Luke 4:14 says, "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee." Jesus preached in the synagogue from the text in Isaiah 61:1 which says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach . . ." and then said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:16-21).

It is obvious from these Scriptures that the fullness of the Spirit was upon John the Baptist, on Elisabeth, on Zacharias, and upon Jesus during the days preceding Pentecost.

But the same passage that tells us that John the Baptist would be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb and that he should turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, tells us in the next verse that John the Baptist had exactly the same Spirit and power as Elijah: "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). Elijah and Old Testament prophets were filled with the Holy Spirit long before Pentecost. And we are expressly told in Exodus 35:30, 31 that "See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; And he hath filled him with the spirit of God . . ." The fullness of the Spirit, then, which the waiting disciples received at Pentecost, did not inaugurate a new dispensation in that sense. People have been filled with the Holy Spirit many times before. Being filled with the Holy Spirit was not necessarily a new thing.

Pentecost began the great era of revivals. But there had been revivals before, like those with

Elijah on Mount Carmel, of John the Baptist at the river Jordan, like the revivals under Ezra and Josiah.

It is true that Pentecost was the beginning of the last days when "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved," according to Joel's prophecy. But we must not think that no one was saved before this time. Even in the matter of the fullness of the Spirit and power for soul winning, Pentecost did not inaugurate a new dispensation. It was simply a time when people of God had waited upon Him until He graciously filled them with power to carry out His command of winning souls.

2. Pentecost Was Not the Beginning of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Bodies of Christians

There is widespread belief that the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost and there moved into the bodies of Christians and that therefore a new dispensation in regard to the Holy Spirit began at Pentecost. But this impression is a mistaken one, as you will easily see from the Scriptures, I believe.

It is true that once the Holy Spirit was with Christians and that now He is in Christians. That is what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit in John 14:16, 17. Jesus said:

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

The Holy Spirit then dwelled with the disciples and later Jesus said the Holy Spirit should be in the disciples. At a certain time the Holy Spirit came in to abide in the bodies of Christians.

This is a blessed truth that Christians ought never to forget. First Corinthians 6:19, 20 says:

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Second Corinthians 6:16 says, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God."

First Corinthians 3:16 says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

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Rolfe Barnard tells this incident. "Some years before I was conducting a revival campaign in a northern state. One afternoon the pastor and I went about ten miles in the country to talk with a man about his soul. The man was hard and we were not able to win him to the Saviour. But while there we were able to lead the eleven-year-old son of the home to Christ. Years passed. Then came the war. One day on a battlefield in the Pacific area the stretcher-bearers found the dead body of this boy, now about twenty years of age. Clutched in his right hand as he lay cold in death was a pencil. In his left hand was a yellow sheet of paper. The paper had my picture on it. It was a circular that had been used to advertise our meetings nine years before. For some reason the boy had kept the circular and had carried it overseas.

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"A missionary on furlough to his home reached the Hawaiian Islands and became acquainted with another traveler to the American Continent. This stranger related to him a fragment of his tragic life.

"As a young man in the U. S. he had become rapidly and marvelously successful in business. Riches were his and then a home with a beautiful wife and a little flaxen-haired girl, whom he idolized. They were companions at every opportunity. He loved her to the limit and dreamed of her future. Suddenly death entered that heaven which he called home and carried out this much loved child. Within two months the dark-robed angel stood again at the threshold and his wife was gone. In his despair and almost loss of reason he sold his home and business, arranged his affairs, and departed. He went, hardly knowing whither he went, determined to travel and get far away from it all.

"Some years passed by before he found himself on the Hawaiian Islands. After a brief time had elapsed the U. S. government offered him a position, which he accepted. He was grateful and successful and they gave him a more responsible one, and then a still better one. At this time a message came from Washington asking him to make arrangements to entertain President Taft. This was done and he received emphatic appreciation.

"Then another message came asking him to do the same thing for another great American—William Jennings Bryan. This program was arranged and carried out just as successfully and satisfactorily.

"When aboard the boat carrying Mr. Bryan around the islands, very early the first evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan excused themselves and retired to their stateroom. Afterward those on deck heard Mr. Bryan reading the Bible and his wife with him in prayer.

"The second night the same thing occurred. When the rest of the party disappeared also to their apartments for the night, our friend stayed alone on the deck and toward midnight stood at the rail in the moonlight, looking down into the attractive waters and considering the question of ending his wretched life and getting out of a dark and cruel and, for him, a godless world. Suddenly he heard soft footsteps near him and turned to discover his great guest standing by his side only partially dressed and in slippers. Mr. Bryan kindly placed his hand on the arm of his new acquaintance and said, 'I have been watching you since we started, and I know something is troubling you. I want to help you.' The troubled young man replied: 'You are right, sir, but you cannot help me; no one can help me.' 'You must tell me the story anyway,' said Mr. Bryan. The request was so tenderly and sincerely made that he could not refuse, so he related the sad experience of the recent years. The great man placed his arm about him: 'I have a friend who can help you.' 'And,' said the man: 'Before I knew what was happening, he was down on his knees and had drawn me down by his side. Then came a prayer passing anything I had ever heard, and tears mingled with words. It came from the depths of his big heart and reached like a flash the heart of God. That night on the deck of that boat he passed me over into the keeping of Jesus Christ as my real Friend, and I have been there ever since and have lived in a changed world.'

Believe and Live

Another fact, Jesus Christ is the Saviour of them that believe. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). God's salvation is big enough to take in all sinful men everywhere, but God's salvation is only of value to the man who believes. That is what Paul is talking about when he writes to Timothy, "We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe" (I Tim. 4:10).

One time Paul went to the city of Philippi to preach. As often

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

My son, who, as you know, is president of Bob Jones University, has called my attention to a letter from the pastor of a Baptist church in Cleveland, Tennessee, where Bob Jones University when it was Bob Jones College was located for a number of years. I think you would like to read this letter; so I am quoting it: "I accepted the pastorate of this small chapel about the time you were leaving Cleveland; and while I had the joy of attending many Vesper services at the college, I never had the chance to meet you personally; but I have a little praise I would like to pass on to you. Since coming here I have taken 102 into the fellowship of this chapel, which was originally under the First Baptist Church here but now is organized into a regular Baptist church; and three instances I have been visiting homes around this community and found that some of the Bob Jones students had won someone in the family to the Lord; and I have baptized them and they are now members of our church. (He gives the names and addresses of these people.) We certainly do miss you folks here in Cleveland, but praise the Lord for the wonderful work you did while here."

This gives you an idea of the type of Christian worker we are training in Bob Jones University. Our institution puts great emphasis on culture, and there are probably more students taking Greek in Bob Jones University than in any other liberal arts educational institution on the American continent. Many of our students take Hebrew. Most of them take modern foreign languages. We emphasize music, speech, and art. But the students that go out from Bob Jones University go out fervent spiritual Christian leaders. They have a passion for souls.

They know that the main business of a Christian is to lead poor lost sinners to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only One that can save them. You Christian people are in position to help us financially. If you will supply the funds to help wipe out the deficit on the present buildings and will keep helping us financially, we will keep on building and expanding and training more Christian leaders to go out into the world and win more lost souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you who have already helped us financially, and we know you are going to help us some more because they always do. We hope you can help us some more at this time. You who have not yet helped us bear the financial burden, we are asking you to help us now. This is God's business we are doing, and God's people will help us financially in the carrying on of God's business. Don't forget to pray for us. Everywhere we go people say, "We pray for Bob Jones University every day." You just do not realize what that means to us. Please keep on praying. Pray that God may give me strength for what He would have me to do as the years are so rapidly passing. Please pray for my son, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., who is carrying as heavy a burden as any young man has had to carry. Pray for all of our administrative staff and for the teachers, and pray for the students that are so eager to be what God would have them be. Pray that God will lay it upon the hearts of people to help us financially so we can keep on keeping on in this business for God. Please let us hear from you. God bless you.

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Misunderstood Pentecost

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not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

We can thank God for this wonderful truth, that now the Spirit of God dwells in the body of every Christian. BUT THIS DISPENSATIONAL CHANGE DID NOT BEGIN AT PENTECOST!

The clear teaching of the Word of God is that the new dispensation, when the Holy Spirit should dwell in the body of every believer, began the day Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus Himself promised this in John 7:37-39. There He said:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The Holy Spirit was to come into people's bodies and make His headquarters there. He should flow out in His fullness from the innermost beings of Christians like a stream of thirst-quenching water. But the Holy Spirit, in the sense of His indwelling, in the sense of His making His headquarters in the human body and working out from the human body, was delayed. "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." When the Lord Jesus was glorified, that is, raised from the dead in a glorified body, then the Holy Spirit was to be given to live in the bodies of Christians.

As the gospel of John records this promise, the same gospel records its fulfillment. In John 20:19-22 we are told how, the day Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the disciples and breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Jesus breathed on them there and they received the Holy Ghost.

In the Bible, remember that the Greek word for Spirit and the word for wind or breath are the same. Jesus literally breathed upon these disciples the Holy Spirit of God. They received Him, and He, the third person of the Trinity, came in to their bodies to dwell.

It is quite clear, then, that the dispensational change, when the Holy Spirit, instead of being with Christians lived in Christians, took place the day Jesus rose from the

dead when the disciples received the Holy Ghost, to live in their bodies. It was only about four days after Jesus had promised in John 14 that the Holy Spirit would abide in them, that "he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16, 17). We may properly understand that when the Holy Spirit came into the bodies of these apostles to dwell, He came into the bodies of all the other Christians in the world. And from that day to this, every time one is converted, born again, his body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit who regenerates the soul, moves in and makes the body His habitation, His temple. But that took place the day Jesus rose from the dead and not at Pentecost!

When Jesus told the disciples, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49), He did not mean that they were to wait for the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Already He dwelt in their bodies. Jesus had already breathed upon them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit was already with them to comfort them, to guide them into the truth. He was an abiding person, living in their bodies. And yet they needed to wait for the fullness of power, power to make them soul winners, power for revival, power to carry out the command of the Great Commission Jesus had given them.

It is a great mistake to dismiss Pentecost as simply being the inauguration of a new dispensation. It was not that. It was a great revival when God's people were endued with power from on high to win souls.

When the eleven disciples and the women who had stayed near Jesus, and His mother, and His half brothers, waited in the upper room before Pentecost, it is said, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14). But they were not waiting simply for a new dispensation to start! They were not waiting for some technical change in the way God deals with men. They were waiting for power, the power that would make them witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth, effective soul winners.

(Next week look for another article about "Misunderstood Pentecost" and we will show what is wrong with the idea that the church was born at Pentecost, will interpret I Corinthians 12:12, 13, and will show that what happened at Pentecost was not the "sanctification" of the disciples. Don't miss it!)

happened, he got thrown into jail. But that night Paul's prayers and praises touched God and a great earthquake shook the prison open and set the prisoners free. The terrified jailer was about to throw himself on his sword, but Paul shouted at him and kept him from hurting himself. Then the jailer begged Paul for help saying, "What must I do to be saved?" Mark Paul's answer well. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). Sinners, when they flee to Jesus, will be saved. Sinners beneath whose feet the ground is trembling ready to let them slip into Hell, will be saved if they lay hold of Jesus. To believe is to trust. To believe is to cast yourself on Jesus. To believe is to depend on yourself for nothing, and on Him for everything. Oh sinner, turn away from your sins and believe.

II. The Saviour's Position

He is risen. We must be as sure of that fact as was Peter when he said to the gang who crucified the Lord, "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree" (Acts 5:30). At the cross hate did its worst, Satan did his worst, sin did its worst, all Hell did its worst. But three days passed . . . and God raised up Jesus.

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He is the exalted Saviour. "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour" (Acts 5:31). Heaven was His home before the world was, and to Heaven He went after He had paid the price of the world's redemption. As He was taken up by the clouds, towards God's throne, over Heaven's walls broke the welcome shout, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle" (Psa. 24:7, 8). So Jesus, "When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3).

God in wondrous love had given His only Son to redeem a lost world. To accomplish that Jesus, "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:7, 8). But that is not the end of the story. Get straight what follows if you value your soul. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

Christ or Nothing

Jesus Christ alone is man's Saviour. He is our only hope. Let us take God's Word for it. "I, even I, am the Lord; and besides me there is no saviour" (Isa. 43:11). A worldly-wise lady once said, "Oh, all these religions have so much good in them." A man of God replied: "So has rat poison. It is ninety-eight per cent cornmeal, yet the poison in it is enough to kill." The Apostle Peter made it as plain as lan-

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"Dear Dr. Rice:

"For a long time I have promised the Lord I would write you this letter, for I know He has used your book on **The Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children** to bring another soul back unto Himself.

"My heart was broken. My husband became so critical. He smoked more incessantly. He did not attend very regularly at the

Methodist Church, eventually quit entirely. (We have a little boy who is six years old and a little girl who is now three.) He became very hateful and miserable to get along with. Our home was terrible for two and a half years. At first Rev. — and the good men of the church held prayer meetings together for my husband until two and three o'clock in the mornings. He began to gamble terribly; would go out to parties with the men he worked with. He hated Christians. Several times Rev. — came to talk with him about his soul. He would not budge. The good men of the little church called. Nothing happened. Naturally, I prayed hard and long for him. I read my Bible and tried to witness to him. Oh, the tears and heartaches of that time! My heart ac-

tually did ache and really hurt. He would get mad if I read my Bible. Any Christian literature or tracts he found, he would tear up or burn. **THE CHRISTIAN BEACON** or **THE SWORD OF THE LORD** lying on the dining room table would send him into a terrible rage. One time I sent for John Bray's little booklets you advertise in the **Sword**. My husband took them out of the mail box (I had forgotten to get the mail), unwrapped them, flew into a rage, took them to the back porch to burn with the trash before I could even look at them. Of course I said as kindly as I could, 'Honey, you are not fighting Christian literature; you are fighting the Lord Jesus.' Then one time, 'You can take everything away from me, but you cannot ever take Jesus out of my heart.'

"Many times he was going to leave and get a divorce because I went to that radical church and read the Bible. Oh, Dr. Rice, God was teaching me to pray, to read my Bible, to trust Him and believe His Word through it all! Now I can thank God over and over and praise Him for it.

"Finally I quit going to prayer meeting, then Sunday night services because he rebelled so; would lock the children and me out, or be gone until unreasonable hours. Of course every one said, 'I would show him! Take a stand. Go to prayer meeting. Go to church Sunday night. Let him know he is not running you,' etc.

"Then in all of my distress, my dear Christian friends at our little church, Mr. and Mrs. —, loaned me their copy of your book on **The Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children**. As I read the chapter on 'Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands' really God spoke to me through His word in I Peter, 'Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation [behavior] of the wives.' The whole chapter hit me! Maybe I wasn't saying anything critical or nagging at him, but my heart was rebellious! (I couldn't go to shows! I would say, 'I just don't have any desire to go,' then he would make fun of me, etc.)

"Well, I got down on my knees and cried and told the Lord I knew my heart rebelled against my husband's will in many things, but by His (God's) grace and it alone, I would do my dead level best to live in subjection and let my husband rule me and obey God's Word.

"I told my husband that I had been tithing my grocery money, that I felt I should ask him how much I could give. He said a dollar was enough. So I always gave a dollar to the Lord.

"My prayer life took on a new turn. I could pray, especially when he was out gambling until real early in the morning, instead of worrying and commanding God to bring him home. I could pray with assurance, in faith, believing that the Lord would use the sinful practice to bring my husband to Himself—use it toward his soul some day. I believe God did.

"When the debatable decisions came that I had to make—for example, 'Let's go to the show tonight,' my heart and soul cried out against it. Then I would say, 'All right,' and pray and tell the Lord He would have to see me through, that no matter what Christian friends or anyone thought, I was going to live in subjection to my husband, in obedience to God's plain commands, and leave the results to Him; that He would have to save my husband's soul.

"And do you know, Dr. Rice, I never did have to go to a show! When I would say, 'Yes,' he would decide I should stay at home and put the baby girl to bed and he would take our boy and show him a good time. Then I would pray that the Lord would watch over our boy, and yet he would come home to tell me about the awful scenes that had so impressed his young mind. Without my ever

telling his daddy he should not go, his daddy decided it wasn't good for him!!! Oh, it was wonderful to obey God, then to sit back and watch Him work!

"Well our home became much better. The tense atmosphere lessened some. I tried to avoid anything and everything that would cause trouble. Little by little a kind of testimony for my Saviour caused much less trouble.

"Then, one Sunday morning, out of a clear blue sky, my husband took the children and me to church in our car—and we didn't have to catch the bus and go so early to get there. He continued to take us, then would come home and read his Sunday fannies and listen to the radio sermons. God was dealing with his heart all along.

"Then one Sunday he took us to church (I noticed that he put on his suit and white shirt, but not a word was spoken) and walked right in and sat down with our children and me! Oh, it was like a dream! For, so many times he had said, 'I'll never go to that Baptist church. Never! Pack up your clothes and move up there and let them keep you,' etc. For three Sundays straight he went. Then the following Wednesday night at seven o'clock he said, 'Would you like to go to prayer meeting?' Would I! Boy, I got the kiddies washed and dressed and ready to go and we were there by 7:30.

"The men pray together and the women together because there are too many for all to pray. When the men came in from their prayer meeting, there were many tear-stained eyes. My husband was wiping his eyes. Two or three slipped around and said, 'Your husband had a little talk with the Lord.' The following week he went forward and gave his testimony, 'to help new Christians,' he said, 'to make a clean break with the world,' that the hardest thing he ever did in his life was to come back to the Baptist Church where the gospel was being preached.

"You know, both our parents still go faithfully to that cold, modernistic, Methodist church. Through all my trials and heartaches with him, they both said I was breaking up my home and losing my mind over religion. Now, of course, they are stumped. How I praise God for working before them in the life of my husband! A person just cannot get around a changed life in answer to prayer. There is no answer except the Lord did it. It has been a wonderful testimony to them, although yet they have not had the courage to say so.

"But, Dr. Rice, unless I had obeyed God's command as to the subjection of a wife's will to her husband's, my prayers would have been hindered.

"I have said to so many good Christians who just can't see it this way, that it is not as hard to take a stand for Christ on every issue in your home with a disobedient or unsaved husband, as it is to obey God's command to live in subjection (when your heart and soul cry out against the world) in order to win him to Christ.

"Yes, it is even harder to obey! Our old hearts are wicked, sinful, rebellious and many times self-righteous—even we Christians! You know, ministers, fundamental preachers, old seasoned Christians, just laughed and scorned and philosophically said it would not work, when I told everyone that I had finally found God's way for my problems in your book on **The Home**. 'Oh, no,' they said, 'the Lord must come first. Take a stand for the Lord always and He will answer prayer. Your husband will have you whipped if you do that. Rice is wrong!' (My neighbor, a staunch Presbyterian, still runs down your book on the home, says it wrecks homes.) But it works! It is God's way! Preach it everywhere you go, Dr. Rice. How many Christian wives all over the country shed tears for unsaved husbands! Teach them God's way to win their husbands to the Lord and to have a Christian home.

"How I thank God for your ministry and clear Bible teaching and tender heart, Dr. Rice. For six months now my husband has walked with the Lord. He witnesses constantly to the men with whom he works. Within three

"Unto You . . . A Saviour"

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guage can when he said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Friend, don't be fooled in this matter. It is folly to trust human opinion where God has spoken. Why take a counterfeit when you have eternal coin in your hand? God says, "none other name . . ." For every man it is Jesus Christ or eternal loss.

III. The Saviour's Purpose

The Devil, through man's sin, spoiled the world that had come perfect from God's hand. But God has never given in to the Devil. From the beginning, God's purpose was to restore this groaning and travailing world to its original state of blessedness. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8). Calvary crushed the serpents head. He is still thrashing around, doing a lot of damage, but the end is not far off. And Jesus Christ will be on hand personally to supervise the finish. He came to this earth once to redeem it; He is coming to this earth again to restore it to its original glory. He left His followers in no doubt as to this, but said, "I will come again." Every believer has transferred his citizenship to Heaven, "from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

The nations are trying to do without God what the Lord Jesus will soon be doing without the nations' help. Wicked, Christ-rejecting men will never achieve world peace. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:21). Somewhere I read the following: "Our generation has agitated more for peace than any generation in history, yet since 1918 we have seen over thirty wars and revolutions." In 1909 **Shield's Magazine** stated, "War is a thing of the past." In 1911 a contributor to the **Sunday School Times** wrote, "International peace is coming because the world is becoming civilized." In 1913 the president of Stanford University assured us that there would be no great conflict again because the cost of such large scale hostilities would be prohibitive. In 1914 the secretary of the National Peace Council cried, "War, the product of anarchy and fear, is passing away." That was said on the eve of the bloodiest conflict in history until that hour, and the holocaust had no sooner subsided than a great American president assured us that out of the untold agonies, the broken bodies, the sunken morals, and the staggering billions in money, had emerged a lasting peace. The tragic symbol of the hopes of our day is Chamberlain at Croydon Airdrome, holding high over his head a briefcase containing a scrap of paper and crying to the cheering thousands, "This means peace in our time." The signature that made it "sure" was that of Adolph Hitler!

Hog Parable

For putting things plain, I like

the way John Cowell once told it. He said, "I saw a picture of hogs feeding at a trough. Now I can imagine more inspiring themes for a masterpiece, but anyhow, that is what the artist painted. And here were these hogs feeding in perfect order in front of the trough. Ah, you could have laid a yardstick along the backs of all of them. They were standing in perfect line. I looked at that and said, 'Well,' whoever painted that picture never lived on a farm, because hogs were never known to feed like that. The first one in is the last one out, if possible. And it is everyone for himself." And he said, "After the war, they tell us that the nations are all going to line up at one common feed trough, as it were; they are going to line up at one common peace table and everything is going to be lovely from then on." He said, "It will be the same old hog." That is why Jesus must come back. And Jesus Christ will come back! Are you ready for His sudden coming?

Dr. A. B. Simpson tells how Ivan, the Emperor of Russia, one stormy night went forth in disguise through the streets of his capital to see how his subjects would receive a poor wandering tramp. "He was repulsed and insulted until he came to a lowly home where a peasant mother was lying upon a pallet of straw, with her wailing babe in her arms that had just been born. The husband opened the door and welcomed the beggar to the best they had—a crust and a bed of straw.

"Ivan hastened away the next morning, soon to return with a royal cavalcade preceding him. An attendant knocked at the poor man's door. He came to the door holding the babe in his arms. With a look of terror on his face as he beheld the royal servants, he began to ask for mercy, wondering what he had done to bring upon him what he feared was some terrible retribution. Then came the answer of the Emperor himself, expressed by a gift of gold and word that he had done nothing but entertain his Emperor the night before, with the further assurance that his babe, when he became old enough, would also be given a place in the royal service.

"Some day down these heavenly arches will come the chariot of Him who is seeking now our love and welcome as the lowly Son of man. Will He be able to say to us, 'You received me in the days of my poverty and shame; you confessed me when it meant dishonor, loss, and death. Now I have come with my reward to confess your name before my Father and His holy angels?'"

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weeks' time after he came back to Jesus he was in the homes and saw the Lord save five souls as he went to talk with them personally. He is seeking the Lord's will in his own life, is not sure if God is calling him to preach. He is taking a course in New Testament Greek from a seminary textbook at nights with some of the other men. I have **Prayer—Asking and Receiving, The Scarlet Sin, The Coming Kingdom of Christ**, and some little booklets of yours—**Heaven, Hell**, etc. How they bless my heart! Rev. — left our church a year ago to go back into full-time evangelistic services, and his ministry was so like yours, Dr. Rice—plain, simple, Scriptural. He made you love God's Word and made you hungry to read it and apply it."

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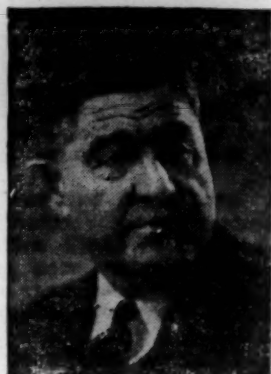
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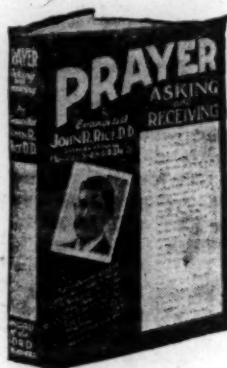
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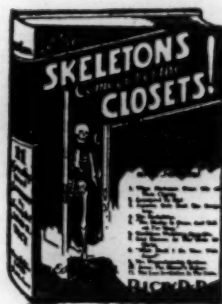
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By FAIRY SHAPPARD

Secretary to Miss Bradshaw, General Manager, Sword of the Lord Publishers

His hands had been scrubbed until they were cleaner than they had been in a long time, and the red glow of his face showed that the same vigorous and determined effort had been applied to it. Even the part of his unruly hair was straight, and his shoes boasted a nice coat of polish over their scuffed toes.

Spring was in the air, and in his heart, as he walked bravely, even briskly down the neighborhood street. Only once did he slacken his pace, and that for only a moment as he seemed to waver a trifle at the thought that maybe things wouldn't turn out so well. Then with a vigorous kick at a stone by the wayside, he started ahead again, almost running in his eagerness.

The two weeks since he stood at the drugstore counter and laid down carefully and to the last penny the money he had so diligently saved to buy a gift for her had seemed longer than any other two weeks he had ever known. Many a misgiving had troubled his boyish heart, but equally as many happy thoughts had made him eager. Now he was on his way, the gift tucked away safely in his pocket. Would she like it! What if she didn't want it! But she would! And he almost ran in his anticipation of the glad surprise!

The Parallel

Now let me draw the parallel: We in THE SWORD OF THE LORD office are eagerly preparing a gift for you. It is the booklet, *Never Alone, Never Forsaken*. "Will you like it?" we wonder. "Will you be blessed by it?" "What if you should not be..." But you will be—you surely will be! Weeks ago the message was prayed over, rejoiced in, and then dictated for you by Dr. Rice. Already (Monday, Mar. 22) the manuscript is being set in type. Already the artist has drawn the beautiful picture for the cover—a picture of Jesus when, as He was about to leave the disciples, He gave to them the Great Commission and then said, "Lo, I am with you always."

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There will be about twenty-two pages, 5 1/2" x 7 1/4" in size, discussing the blessed truths:

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By VIOLA WALDEN, Secretary to Dr. Rice

April is letter month at Sword of the Lord Publishers. Though thousands of you have written to us in the past, yet there are many more thousands from whom we have never heard. In order to

get to hear from you, we are making several attractive offers during letter month (April). And one of these very special offers is a lovely autographed photograph of your editor and friend, our boss, Evangelist John R. Rice. We were prompted to offer this picture of Dr. Rice because of the many requests which come from his friends for his photograph. Here is a typical letter, just received:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I am a Christian Marine at El Toro, California, with about eleven other men who really love the Lord. Five of us are going into full-time service for Him. That sure is an excellent percentage. I have several of your books. Of them all, I like everybody else, really love that one on Prayer. We all talk so much about you and your wonderful books. We also sure would like to have a picture of you or of you and your family. We here at El Toro often thank and praise the Lord for using you in such a wonderful way."

(Signed) Wilfred Phaneuf
So we have persuaded Dr. Rice to let us offer to the Sword of the Lord constituency our favorite pose of him. Now it is ready, and

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

By MISS LOLA M. BRADSHAW, General Manager

Do you know them? I mean the people who work for you in getting out *The Sword of the Lord* and the books you order, and who answer your questions.

There's Viola Walden, secretary to Dr. Rice. You've seen her name perhaps, and wondered what she looks like. We have her picture for you. And L. L. Stevens, (we call him "Steve") who reminds you when your subscription has expired—his picture is offered too. In fact, we've so often wondered about you—who you are and what your problems and joys and sorrows are—that we thought you might like to know about us, too. So we have prepared a folder, 14 x 21 inches, with all of our pictures on it, and some description of our work for you.

How do you get *The Sword of the Lord* each week? Somebody spends hours at a big machine called an Addressograph stamping names and addresses on large rolls of paper. That's Mrs. Thurston, and you can see her at this machine. These addressed rolls are then sent to the printer of *The Sword of the Lord* where the addresses are applied to the papers as they come off the big press.

How do the books get mailed out? Do they just jump into packages and seal and address themselves? Of course not! Wouldn't you like to see the consecrated hands that wrap them and send them out to you?

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You may have this folder show-

ing *The Sword of the Lord* staff at their various jobs, by simply WRITING DURING APRIL AND ASKING FOR IT.

There are some other offers being made to you during April, too, and we want you to take advantage of all of them. You will see them listed on this page. But it is my job to tell you about this folder of *The Sword of the Lord* workers. If we workers do not get as many requests for our pictures as we do for the other items, won't our faces be red! SO WRITE TODAY AND DON'T FORGET US!

Simply say "Please send me the free large folder with pictures and description of the work and workers," and it will come at once.

Here Is What I Mean!

(Continued from Page 1)

for Brother Friesen to do; we want you to write us a letter! April is letter month. We want to hear from multiplied thousands of friends.

Tell us of someone saved through reading our literature.

Tell us of prayers answered, lessons learned through the book on Prayer.

Tell us of homes restored, of family altars established, of children won to Christ because of the book, *Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*.

Tell us of revivals started in churches.

Tell us of preachers set on fire for God.

Tell us of bereaved people comforted through the book on Heaven.

Tell us if you are for our effort to bring back great revivals in this generation, such as America once had under Finney, Moody,

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Tell us if you are blessed by the accounts of great revivals in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

Tell us if you are praying for us.

If you think there is some way *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* can be improved, tell us. Feel free to differ with us or criticize, just so you do it for Jesus' sake and in brotherly love. But we want to hear from you.

Yours letters will encourage us in the Lord's business.

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If you are wondering what you can write to us about, let me suggest the following:

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3. Note that our beautiful plaque is being given free with each \$5 order or more, during April.

4. Send a gift to the Free Literature Fund. We give away from \$1,000 to \$2,000 worth of Christian literature each month and can give much more of it wisely if the means are made available.

5. Order our catalog at once and then carefully check up on the books you have by Dr. Rice. All of them should be in your home. Then place your order for those you do not have.

6. Dr. Rice is supporting three students in Moody Bible Institute, two from Korea and one from British Guiana. Your gifts to help in their support would be a great help at this time.

7. Have you ever written to Dr. Rice and told him that you are praying for him, or have you told him what blessings you have received from some phase of his broad ministry—through radio, book, or his evangelistic effort? The only way he can know if he has blessed you and your home is through your letters. Strengthen his hands by that letter you have put off writing until now.

These are just a few suggestions to help you get started on that letter.

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